

A Picture is worth a Thousand Words

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Salt Lake- Utah's Heart Gallery is hosting an open house on October 29th at 6:30 at the Capitol Rotunda. The unique exhibit will combine the talents of many professional Utah photographers to reflect the personalities of children in foster care waiting to be adopted. The photos show the unique light in each child-a light sometimes buried after years of neglect, abuse, and low self-esteem.



Even more unique about Utah's Heart Gallery exhibit is that the pictures were donated by the photographers. The photographs replace the typical mug shot in each child's file and capture the spirit and personality of each which result in more of the children being adopted. The Heart Gallery also takes the concept of adopting from foster care out into our community generating more placement resources for Utah's children.

Twenty four portraits of 35 children will be unveiled. The Adoption Exchange, an adoption recruitment agency for Utah Division of Child and Family Services, is presenting the exhibit and will travel through out the state of Utah for the next year.

Nearly 130,000 children, most over age eight, in the U.S. public-welfare system are waiting for an adoptive family. Some of the most difficult children to place are those of minority backgrounds or in sibling groups. And, sadly, about 30,000 children "age out" of the system every year without being adopted. For further information contact The Adoption Exchange at (801) 265-0444 or visit www.utdsfsadopt.org